

## SOME LACKAWANNA MARINE WORKERS TO ACCEPT CUTS

With Jobs Scarce They Decide to Make Best of Desperate Situation.

### OTHERS HOLDING OUT

Jersey Central Will Confer To-day With Its Water Transfer Employees.

### ERIE SHOPMEN TO REPLY

New Haven's President Says Receivership for Road Is Not Probable.

Marine workers employed by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad have agreed to stand as a unit on the question of wage reduction, although all are protesting against it. After conferring with officials of the road yesterday certain of the twelve grades into which the marine workers are divided indicated that they would accept the graduated reduction in wages proposed by the railroad and not appeal to the United States Railroad Labor Board.

Neither representatives of the men nor of the railroad would make specific or official statements about it except to say that the meeting had been amicable and that there appeared to be a feeling on both sides that the entire matter could be threshed out within the organization. Furthermore, both sides appeared to be of the opinion that little would be gained in going to the labor board.

Those classes that signified their willingness to agree to some of the railroad's proposals declared that they did so under protest. The crux of the entire situation is found in the fact that a small percentage of the men are actually working. The overwhelming majority of the marine workers are idle. There is little hope of their going to work until business becomes more active. By the same token it appears that there is small chance of business improving until freight rates are decreased. And there seems to be no chance of diminished rates until wages descend. The marine workers who indicated yesterday they would accede to the Lackawanna's proposals seek merely to make the most of a desperate situation on the basis that decreased pay is better than none.

### Majority Against Surrender.

However, the majority of the marine workers in the Lackawanna employ and shippers are wholeheartedly opposed to surrender. Certainly they will not give in until the labor board orders them to do it. And even then they know that there will be another reduction of wages should wages remain at their present level. Right or wrong, this seems inevitable in such circumstances. Each of the twelve grades or classes of marine workers will confer with their employers separately. The majority of these will let the matter go to the labor board.

Central Railroad of New Jersey marine workers will meet their employers to-day and before the end of next week it is expected that all roads running into New York will have delivered their opinion on wages to its floating equipment employees. The New York Central and the New York, New Haven and Hartford conferences will be held Monday, the Lehigh Valley next Friday, Saturday and Sunday and the Erie on Saturday.

Contrary to the prediction of an official of the New York Central Railroad, that line's brief for the labor board was not telegraphed to Chicago Wednesday night. It was said yesterday in the offices of the company that the petition, which will be short and to the point, was due to be telegraphed to Chicago to-day. The general opinion is that the labor board will be besought to sidetrack other business for the hearings on this wage question so that this morning's perplexing of railroad problems will be solved so that the railroads will be able

to make such readjustments as their financial conditions require. Among the conferences called by the Pennsylvania Railroad is one with "train service employees." Whether or not this means that the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen (one of the Big Four, which have generally been considered as immune from the present wage reduction plans) is to be asked to cooperate in the downward movement of railroad operating costs could not be learned yesterday, but the impression prevailed that it refers to train service employees outside the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

### Decrees New Haven Receiver Talk.

E. J. Pearson, president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, took exception to the statement made Tuesday by Edgar J. Rich, where-in Mr. Rich declared the New Haven system ripe for a receivership. Mr. Pearson said:

"The unauthorized talk of receivership is unfortunate at the present time. Edgar J. Rich is not counsel for the New Haven road, and while I do not know what the future may bring forth I think it my duty to say that no receivership for the New Haven road is now in contemplation. We hope to get justice in division of rates and labor readjustment."

"We need just a little assistance to turn the corner, and with everybody cooperating and helpful prosperity can be restored to New England, not only for her industries, but for her transportation. Coal and supply costs are coming down and more cars will soon be moving."

"It is a pity that people should be frightened out of their railroad ownership just at this point. The New Haven Railroad Company after charging off all its bad investments will have an appreciated valuation for its property far exceeding its capital at par."

It is likely that the New Haven's formal appeal to the labor board will be in the form demanded by that tribunal to-morrow, and will be in Chicago by Monday.

Representatives of the ship employees of the Erie system met officials of that company yesterday in Howell, N. Y., where R. S. Parsons, general manager of the company, read the Erie's proposal that wages be reduced about 20 per cent. beginning April 15. The men listened quietly and agreed to give their answer to-day. The chances are that the men will deliver an emphatic "No" and that the matter will be turned over to the labor board.

### LONG ISLAND INCREASE IN RAIL FARES STANDS

City's Plea for Order Against I. C. Denied in Court.

A Federal statutory court in Brooklyn denied yesterday the application made by the city several weeks ago for an order restraining the Long Island Railroad from collecting the 20 per cent. increase in passenger rates allowed by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The rates have been in effect for several weeks on Long Island and also on Staten Island, which is involved in the same legal battle, after previous efforts to forestall the collection had failed.

The city's action was brought against the interstate Commerce Commission on the ground that the traffic of the Long Island Railroad was exclusively intrastate and that, therefore, the Interstate Commerce Commission without jurisdiction. The statutory court, the first of its kind in Brooklyn in five years, was composed of Judge Mantou of the United States Circuit court of Appeals and Judge Charles C. Field of the United States District Court.

### CANADIAN RAILWAYS OPERATE AT A LOSS

Deficit in 1920 Was \$69,593,441, and \$48,000,000 in 1919.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 17.—Mr. Reid, Minister of Railways, announced today in the House of Commons that the operating deficit on Government railways in 1920 was \$69,593,441, in comparison with a deficit of \$48,000,000 in 1919.

He explained that the increased loss was due chiefly to increased expenditures in payrolls and fuel. "In carrying on maintenance the management explained," he added, "that the cost of many materials and supplies had increased very much in 1920. They also state that prices of equipment, such as locomotives and cars, advanced very greatly, all of which have added and will continue to add to cost of operation."

"In a word, out of every dollar earned we had to pay 75 cents for operating wages and 20 cents for fuel, leaving 5 cents for all other requirements, which totalled 29 cents."

### PACKING STRIKE CONTINUES.

STONX FALLS, N. D., March 17.—An effort to bring about a settlement of the strike of 700 employees at the John Morrell Packing Company here failed this afternoon, when strikers at a mass meeting voted unanimously not to accept terms offered by the company.

## ATTERBURY READY FOR LABOR HEARING

General Arrives in Chicago to Testify To-day Before U. S. Railroad Board.

### TWO TRUNKS OF RECORDS

National Industrial Traffic League Fails to Get Recognition.

### Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Chicago, March 17.—Gen. W. W. Atterbury, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad and chairman of the labor committee of the American Association of Railway Executives, and Robert S. Brinkard, secretary of the association, arrived here to-day from New York to appear to-morrow as witnesses before the United States Railroad Labor Board, having been summoned at the request of employees in the dispute over abrogation of the national working agreements and the more recent controversy over the wage cuts announced by many of the bigger Eastern and Western railroads.

They brought with them two trunks full of records, minutes and correspondence requested by the employees upon which to base their contention that the executives are not united in their present stand against the rules and working conditions now in force, and that there is a general conspiracy on the part of the roads to crush organized labor.

Gen. Atterbury and Mr. Brinkard went into confidential session with other railroad heads upon their arrival, and no statement was available to-night following the winding up of their conference. Following the examination of the records and letters E. M. Jewell, president of the Railway Employees Department of the American Federation of Labor, is expected to present to the Labor Board a statement of the stand of the union upon all questions involved in the controversy. It was freely intimated to-night that Mr. Jewell's statement will be the sum and substance of the final demands of the unions beyond which there will be no further alteration or reduction.

The decision of the Labor Board upon the petition of the National Industrial Traffic League that it be made a party to the present dispute is regarded in railroad circles as a very important one, but the board so far has refused to proceed to any formal discussion of the request.

### TRUST COMPANY BONDS ARE RECOVERED HERE

One-third of Loot Found and Four Arrests Made.

Sixty-five thousand dollars in securities said to be a part of the \$138,000 loot from the People's Trust Company at Wyomissing, a suburb of Reading, Pa., were recovered yesterday afternoon from a man standing in front of the Hotel Ansonia, and last night in a raid on a furnished flat at 35 Broadway. Side avenue Detectives Gegan of Headquarters and Charles F. Robb of the Burns Agency placed under arrest a man believed to have plotted the robbery. Four men were arrested during the day.

The finding of the securities, according to the detectives' accounts for all but \$48,000 of the bonds and cash. It is now believed that \$27,000 of the bonds were burned. Of the loot \$43,000 was in cash and is regarded as permanently lost.

In the raid on the Morningstar avenue house three women were found with Stewart S. Wallace, alleged to be the "master mind" of the robbery, and Charles Stark, 28 years old, who described himself as an automobile mechanic. The youngest of the women was Letitia Johnson, 21 years old, who, according to the detectives, came here from Chicago with Wallace two weeks ago.

Bernstein was arrested in front of the Hotel Ansonia with the securities in his overcoat pocket, according to the detectives. A youth named Solomon Girsch of 345 Crimmins avenue, The Bronx, found with him, was detained on suspicion. Wallace and Stark were detained with Bernstein for the arrival of the Reading District Attorney.

Mrs. Bernstein and the third woman found in the apartment, who said she was Mrs. Mildred Stark, were released.

## COAL MEN'S SECRET IS OUT! PRICE WILL BE CUT IN APRIL

Lower Schedule of 50 or 75 Cents a Ton May Be Ready on All Fools' Day to Give Joy to Consumers Whose Bank Accounts Survived Winter's Bills.

### A reduction of about 50 cents on the ton in the spring price of coal was predicted by dealers yesterday. Several wholesalers already have announced their intention of putting a lower schedule into effect by April 1, and a few retail companies are planning to pass the reduction on to the consumer. The majority of the wholesalers have not acted, and no general announcement from the retailers can be looked for until they know where the wholesalers stand.

Joseph W. Vought, deputy commissioner of the Coal Merchants Association of New York, which is a retailers' organization, said last night it was not yet possible to speak for his organization, but he understood the movement towards reduction had begun.

It was stated by the Burns Brothers

### Coal Company that a reduction of from 50 to 75 cents a ton was under consideration, and that the company would determine the matter to-day. The Wyoming Valley Coal Company of Brooklyn is considering new price schedules and expects to announce them to-day. According to the Parkington Coke and Coal Company, 1195 Metropolitan avenue, Brooklyn, one Pennsylvania mining company has cut the price of its product 50 cents a ton.

Charles S. Allen, secretary of the Wholesale Coal Trade Association of New York, said his organization is composed chiefly of dealers in soft coal, and that although a reduction in that commodity is possible, he knew of no definite movement toward lower prices. Soft coal, he said, is new selling at production cost.

## 'VEGETARIAN DIET' TO FIGHT PACKERS

Unions Will Ask All America to Abstain From Meat in Event of Strike.

### Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Chicago, March 17.—All America will be asked by the stock yards unions to go on a rigid vegetarian diet in the event of a strike as a result of the wage controversy with the packers, according to plans formulated by leaders of the union forces to-day.

Heads of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workers Union predicted that the result of the strike poll, which is still being taken, will be overwhelmingly in favor of a strike, and that they will go to Washington for the mediation conference Monday with full authority to call their men out unless their demands are granted.

At the yards union pickets were at all gates advising those men who had not already cast their votes to do so to-day. Union officials said all but about 5,000 members of their organization had voted.

As an indication of the sentiment of the men at the yards, union officials said that many who had fallen behind in their dues were renewing their cards, and many applications had been received from men not previously members of the union.

The appeal to the public to shun all meats in the event of a strike would be made on a basis of a demand to defeat the alleged plot of the packers, by which the union charge, they are trying to unload great quantities of South American meats on the American market.

Plans are being made by the union forces for a meeting at Washington Sunday, which will be attended by representatives of all affiliated unions who were in conference here yesterday. It is expected that Samuel Gompers will preside. Final instructions will then be given to Dennis Lane and Redmond Brennan, the union representatives in the mediation conference called by Secretary of Labor Davis for Monday.

The unions, it is understood, will insist on the packers living up to the letter of the wage agreement which was scheduled to operate until the close of the war and one year thereafter. They are especially jubilant over the fact that Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, has been appointed one of the mediators, as they believe he will favor their cause.

### GREEN BUGS INVADE KANSAS.

LAWRENCE, Kan., March 17.—The first authenticated presence of green bugs in Kansas was reported here to-day by S. J. Hunter, State Entomologist at the University of Kansas. The insect was found in large numbers in wheat samples furnished by a Kansas milling company.

### PRIMARY LAW REPEAL FAILS.

MONTPELIER, Vt., March 17.—The House to-day killed a bill that had been passed by the Senate under which the primary law would be repealed. The vote was 87 to 125.

## INCOME TAX TOTAL STILL UNDISCLOSED

Collector Edwards Refuses Even to Hint at Approximate Figure.

### Although William H. Edwards, Collector of Internal Revenue, has telegraphed to Washington at the close of each day since March 15 the total income tax receipts deposited at the New York office, he would not even hint at the approximate figure yesterday, insisting that total figures and comparisons must come from Washington. He is willing to go this far: The income tax receipts for the March 15 installment without any question will fall below the total for the corresponding period of last year.

The number of returns was greater than ever before. This may be explained in part by the fact that large numbers of non-taxable returns were sent in this year.

Collector Edwards, after a nerve-racking week, closed his desk at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and went home to get ready for a week-end vacation. He said he was going to his camp near Milford, Conn., on a mountain top.

The mail receipts were greater this year than ever before, the public learning that it is much easier to answer the requirements of the law by posting a check or money order than by waiting in line at the Custom House. Mail returns will be received until to-morrow. At the close of Saturday's business the great bulk of the receipts will have been segregated, tabulated and deposited in the Federal Reserve Bank.

Warnings to those who have failed to make returns will be sent out from the Collector's office soon.

## NO RECEIVERSHIP FOR NEW HAVEN RAILROAD

President Says Just a Little Assistance Is Needed.

BOSTON, March 17.—No receivership for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company is under consideration, E. J. Pearson, president, declared in a statement issued here to-night.

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## CUT IN CLOTHING COMING NEXT FALL

New Prices in Heavy Woolens for Men Show Substantial Decline.

### LABOR FACTOR DOUBTFUL

Quotations for Piece Goods in Some Cases 50 Per Cent. Below Last Autumn.

### The general opinion among leaders in the retail clothing business in New York is that a fairly substantial decline in the cost of men's clothes may be looked for as a result of market conditions, as reflected in the newly revised price lists of the American Woollen Company.

The new price schedules, however, are fixed for the so-called heavyweight materials to be marketed next fall and it is possible that there will be no very noticeable decline in current prices before that time, but on the other hand knowledge that an easier market will prevail for the heavyweight garments next fall may precipitate a sudden decline in cases where retailers have carried over stocks from last winter.

The American Woollen Company's opening lists are watched for with keen interest in the clothing trade and generally regarded as a sound barometer of market conditions. Smaller and independent manufacturers usually await the appearance of the American Woollen Company's opening before determining their own schedules.

The quotations for all delivery this year are in some cases 50 per cent. below the prices of last fall and anywhere from 2 1/2 to 12 1/2 per cent. below the stock prices quoted last January. In several cases this year factory numbers, which to the trade spell as much as a catalogue cut in other lines, have been changed, but where comparisons have been possible they show a corresponding decline in fancy worsteds, staple wool suitings, unfinished worsteds and the heavier clays, serges and chevrons.

This New York Herald discovered, however, a fairly universal reluctance on the part of dealers to estimate probable prices on account of the unsettled condition of the labor market. It was maintained that while there may be a drop in overcoat prices next fall the decline will depend in no small measure on labor costs.

Other dealers expressed doubt upon the price reductions reaction on the market in view of the pending emergency tariff bill, the enactment of which some believe would completely upset the piece goods market by the mills seeking to take immediate advantage of the protection provided and raise prices.

According to one authority the average retail prices for overcoats next fall will be from \$30 to \$70. This dealer declared that in his opinion the extremely high priced lines will be so limited in quantity as to be a negligible factor and that the bulk of the season's product would be sold from \$40 to \$60.

The principal buyer of one of the firms dealing in ready-made clothing told The New York Herald representative that he expected next fall to be able to offer a well-tailored, three-piece suit of dependable material, such as has been retailing ready-made for \$65 or \$70, for at least \$50, provided, of course, the labor situation held somewhere near normal.

### CLOTHING FIRM SUES AMALGAMATED UNION

Sidney Hillman, as president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union, and other members of the organization again were made defendants in an action begun yesterday in the Supreme Court by Clemens the Tailor, Inc. The plaintiff asks for a permanent injunction to restrain all picketing of the Clemens stores.

The Clemens corporation arranged last December with its bushellers (alteration tailors) to work on the open shop principle, and the bushellers made written agreements that they would not attempt to unionize the small staff. Then the union waylaid and threatened the employees and induced a number of them to break their contracts. The corporation also demands judgment for \$100,000 damages. Argument will be heard by Justice Edward T. Gargan in Equity Term of the Supreme Court on March 23.

## AMERICAN LEGION SEES TURN FOR THE BETTER

Number of Unemployed Service Men Reduced 100,000.

The American Legion, through the *American Legion Weekly*, made public last night figures showing that there were 400,000 unemployed former service men in the United States on March 1, a reduction of about 100,000 from the number throughout the country on January 1. The survey of the national situation on which these figures are based says that the unemployment situation as affecting the veterans "appears to have taken a turn for the better."

Legion officials say that a chain of employment agencies operated by the legion has done much to relieve the

situation, although former soldiers and sailors have suffered more in proportion to their numbers than other workers because of the operation of seniority rules and efficiency standards. Nearly a year is required for the returned veteran to get back to his old stride in industry, and he is also handicapped by his restlessness and nomadic tendencies, both products of the strain and circumstances of war service.

### REDUCE THEIR OWN WAGES.

MOBILE, Ala., March 17.—Organized bricklayers and plasterers of this city last night voluntarily reduced their wages from \$10 to \$8 a day, giving as the reason the reduction in the cost of living.

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